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Application of: Mason *et al.*

Application No.: 09/536,552

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Filed: March 28, 2000

Examiner: J. Epps

For: IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL  
RETROVIRUS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIMARY  
SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS AND AUTOIMMUNE  
HEPATITIS

Attorney Docket No.: 9926-003-999

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2001, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is: (a) Exhibit A, a marked up version of a replacement paragraphs of the specification; (b) Exhibit B, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein; (c) an Amendment Fee Transmittal; (d) a Petition for Extension of Time; and (e) a Notice of Appeal.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Marked up versions of the following amended paragraphs are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted from the paragraphs is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added to the paragraphs is indicated by underlining.

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning "Figure 1 Phylogenetic tree of Clustal," with the following paragraph:

Figure 1 Phylogenetic tree of Clustal W alignments using reverse transcriptase pol gene sequences: PBCRV PBC retroviral sequence cloned in our laboratory, SMRV Squirrel

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